

January 21, 2002

Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Mr. Ashcroft,

I am writing today to encourage the Department of Justice to accept the Microsoft antitrust settlement. It amazes me that the government wanted to break up the technology industry's leading company in the first place. Now that a settlement has been reached, it amazes me that there is a possibility that the government will not accept it.

Microsoft has had so many net positives on the technology industry. They single-handedly made most software compatible and standardized. This does not mean that everyone has to use Microsoft software, just that different software works together. In fact, in the terms of the settlement Microsoft has agreed to give computer makers the flexibility to install and promote any software that they see fit. Microsoft has also agreed not to enter into any agreement that would obligate the computer makers to exclusively use Microsoft software. This will assure the consumers that they are receiving the best software.

As a long term computer user I view Microsoft as a National Treasure. They brought the industry out of chaos into order.

The terms of the Microsoft antitrust settlement are fair and should be accepted. Microsoft and the industry need to move forward, the only way to move forward is to put the issue in the past. Please accept the settlement.

Sincerely,



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CC: Senator Rick Santorum